THE Parricide Papiſt,

OR,

Cut-throate Catholicke.

A tragicall diſcourſe of a murther lately committed at *Padſtow* in the Countie of *Cornewall* by a profeſſed Papiſt, killing his owne Father, and afterwardes himſelfe, in zeale of his Popiſh Religion. The 11 of March laſt paſt. 1606.

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DEruſing the plentifull and profitable labours of many learned & zealous Writers of this time, and the Chriſtian forwardnes of all ſorts bending their batteries againſt the Bulwarks of Superſtition & Popery, ſome with their pennes, others with their pikes, and all with their prudent policies purſuing the reculing Miſcreants: I thought it not impertinent to my place, profeſſion, and occaſion, to cut a few vacant houres out of my priuate buſineſ-

ses, and to latch a blow (amongst others,) at the scull of the seauen-headed Dragon, & whore of Babylon, rather to testifie my consenting will to true Religion, then my contenting skil as able, to adde any ornament vnto that which the Lord hath so gloriously adorned with wisedome, and power to support it selfe against all malignitie of the world, and the gates of hell not able to preuaile against it.

Apoc. 17. 3.

Euery cleere eye, and iudicious care, hath sufficiently discerned the cause of Rome to be deserted, and destitute of all defence by argument: enough (if not too much) hath beene answered to all their allegations in defence of their false Synagogue, and accusations in offence and derogation of our true reformed Christian Churches: and of these blinde Wormes, and deafe Adders, may be verified the saying of Salomon, That though you bray a foole in a Morter, yet hee will be neuer the wiser. I shall therefore commend vnto your Christian considerations, the Tragicall act and euent, which lately hapned in the Countie of Cornwall, (not farre from the place of my habitation:) and seeing our Popish pamphletors cuculate nothing more than surmised calumniations against the persons of our godly and most painfull Ministers, not beeing

Prou. 27. 22. 23. 9.

ing otherwise able to discredite their doctrines, I will expose to their Owle-sight eyes examples of theyr owne Sectaries to be looked vpon, and seriously considered. Wherein to shunne the iust taxation of slaunder, (which is most proper to their Popish practises,) I will propose matter in fact euident, by publique Records, in qualitie execrable, in time newe, and freshly bleeding in our eyes.

Luther and Beza, beeing surcharged with manifold fictions, and odious imputations, out-liued the enuy of theyr enemies, and in theyr life time confuted theyr forged imputations: but ỹ examples of these mens more then barbarous blood-thirstinesse, shall outliue all ages liuing, and remaine inchronicled as Prodigies, and stand enroled in publique acts, as memorialls to all posterities, so long as our lawes, or any ciuill gouernment shall be practised in the Land: and let them heare me to tell thẽ plainly, that which our blessed Sauiour told their fore-fathers the Pharisees roundly, that they are of their Father the deuill, who was a murtherer from the beginning: they are the progeny of Caine, sacrificing Abell, because he sacrificeth to GOD a better smelling oblation then theyrs. Iohn, 8, 44 Gene, 4, 5.

If they will needes iudge the Tree by the frutes, & the cause by the effects: then what pietie can bee imagined in that Profession, which is so bloody, as theyrs is notified in all the world to be? Yea, theyr whore of Babilon, in all her deliciousnes, is especially banquetted with the blood of the Saints.

Apoc. 17. 6.

If I should speake of vsuall murthers, which common cut-throates commit in theyr purse-takings, or that furious swaggerers shed in their hote bloods, and wrathfull reuenges, it were no more in cõparison of that which cõmeth in this argument, then a bloodie nose to a gasping wound. For though all killing is cruell, and an enemy to nature, yet the vnnaturall & detested Parricides (whereof this argument intreateth) astonisheth all humaine reason to consider it, appalleth all the senses to apprehend it, and exceedeth all credulity to beleeue such a thing to bee doone, till they behold it actually performed.

Solon.

The wise Law-giuer aunswered discreetly, excusing himselfe that hee made no Lawe for him that murthered his Father, because hee neuer imagined such an odious acte against nature would euer be imagined, much lesse attempted of any humaine creature.

But

But see the blindnesse of heresie and false religion, which being a poyson of the soule, brought from the denne of darknes, and a drugge of the deuill, how it not onely opposeth the creature against the Creator, man against GOD, and man against man, but transformeth theyr whole natures, ingendering in them vnnaturall thoughts and desires, and producing effects odious to GOD and nature. In these our latter dayes, men being departed from the faith, are become (as the Apostle saith) vnnaturall: and God giuing them ouer into a reprobate sence, which would not receiue the loue of the truth, they haue changed the naturall vse of thinges, to that which is against nature; as not onely theyr execrable Sodomitries, but theyr thrise detested Parricides, openly testifie, and cry out against them.

1, Tim. 4, 1
2, Tim. 3, 2, 3,
Rom. 1, 26

Doe I, or dare I entitle them Parricide Papists, or Cut-throate Catholicks, and be destitute of examples pathetically to moue, and effectually to proue it? No, no, amongst many old, I will introduce one new exemplarie instance therof, lately acted in the midst of their smoaking broyles, irrefragably warranted by vnreprooueable witnesses. One Inigo Ieanes of Padstow in the County of Cornwall, being lately some-what reclaimed from his

Popish profession, & frequenting the Church (though as it appeareth with no great deuotion) was in the haruest of their late politick platforme, assailed with ỳ perswasiue tongue of one William Manfil, (a professed Romanist) to returne to his old byas againe. Who vpon better information of his friendes, replied, that it was in vaine now any longer to consect in that Religion, seeing after the death of the late Queene, the inauguration of a most religious King, forced the tide & streame against the Romish Church, so that both hap and hope, were drowned and perished together. Yet the Temptor, like Sathan his master, desirous to cast downe the strong in faith
Math. 4. from the pinacles of the Temple, perswadeth incouragement, and confidence of better successe, assuring him, that platformes were thē in hand, not onely for redemption, but renowne of the Catholicks, & that forces were in full preparation both at home and abroad to aduaunce the Catholicke cause, as he termed it. Onely it behoued them to apply their massings, and ceremoniall obseruances, to obtaine it by merit at Gods hands.

Perhaps they imagined (as the Prophet
Mal. 3. 10, 11 speaketh) that GOD was like vnto themselues, and would participate with them in any wickedness,

kednes if they could make him smell to theyr bloody vnbleeding sacrifice. But the poore credulous caytiffe, being led on by these faire pretences, and hopefull preparations, relapsed Catholicke againe: and as busie as other Waspes of that swarme, consorted with the crew of other corner-creepers, in obscure Caues to doe seruice to the Prince of darknesse. And although Iames the Father of the said Inigo Ieanes often disswaded him from those dangerous courses, which the seuerity of the Lawes would sharply correct, yet he desperately running on, and resolued to persist, not only refused to obey the admonitions of his father, but became an earnest perswader that hee would permit them a place of secrecie in his house, for the exercise of their idolatrous massings.

The Father, (whether fearing God or the Law more, I omit to censure) still constantly contradicted his sonnes vnreasonable and vnseasonable request, alleaging, that at this time, Lawes were making in ỹ Parliament, to punish Popery more seuerely then euer heretofore: and that vpon iust occasion of the late discouerie of so damnable a stratageme, as was neuer plotted against any Christian or Heathen state: and therfore in some round

termes (as it seemed) checked & reiected his peeuish sonnes Popish petition.

But he, in the franticke spirit of a Papist, hastily tooke vp a club or beetle (where-with they vsed to cleaue wood) and rudely, (O let me studie a more apt word for such sauage inhumanitie) barbarously assailed his owne naturall Father, and strooke him violentlie on the head to the ground. And doubting that hee had not throughly dispatched him, tooke vp a barre of yron, & strooke him with maine force and brake his backe, so that hee presently died of those wounds.

Then this Inigo Ieanes, leauing his Father groueling on the ground, and wallowing in his owne blood, immediatly fled to a Chappell (called Saint Sauiours) neere Padstowe, and hastily vnclothing himselfe, with a bad and blunt knife (adding all his force thereto) gastly in two or three places gashed his own belly athwart, that his bowels were to be seene.

The Mother of the saide Inigo shortly after comming into her Garden, and finding her husband thus cruelly murthered, and vterly dismaid there-with, came into the house enqui-

enquiring for her sonne Inigo Ieanes, and finding him fledde away, she caused another of her sonnes, and some other messenger to seeke him: who comming vnto the foresaid Chappell of Saint Sauiours, found him there leaning to one of his hands, & most greeuouslie wounded.

Upon some speeches and conference, the said Inigo confessed the murthering of his father, and wounding himselfe: and was very desirous to speake with Maister Nicholas Prideaux (then and nowe high Sherieffe of Cornwall,) dwelling neere the said Towne of Padstow, to the intent he might reueale some speciall matters vnto him, where-with it seemed his conscience was surcharged. And being brought vnto his presence, hee instantlie made knowne vnto him, how he had been seduced by the foresaid Manfill vnto his erroneous Religion: and that the same morning, himselfe, with seauen men, & eyght women more, had been at Masse, at one Richard Hores house of S. Eruin.

Hereupon the said Maister Prideaux, sent for three other Iustices of the Peace next adioyning, namely Maister Arundell of Trerise, Maister Michell, and Maister Cosworth Esquires,

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squires, to whom vpon further examination he confessed all that is before declared: and that he had beene there-vnto drawne & moo-ued by the instigation of the deuill, and see-ming very sorrowfull for the fact, after some two or three daies languishing, departed this life. And so wee will leaue him to the tribu-nall seate of the most righteous, and All-see-ing Iudge to be censured.

Before I proceed further in examining the innumerable impieties in this one fact com-prised, I may not omit to note vnto ỹ world, what a blinde & senceleſſe guide they had for theyr Priest, that from such a director, no hope of better fruites could bee conceiued. This paltry Popeling, was well knowne a little before to be a badde and rude Schoole-maister, and a fellow of such noted stupidity, that young Gentlemen, seruingmen, and o-thers, for an exercise and recreation, would practise to haue him stand still, whiles they with all theyr force, quoyted shillings or te-sternes at his blockish browe, which for a small peece of mony he would as quietly en-dure, as if a Stoicall stupidity had possessed his braines and body, euen till his face and fore-head was often-times most grieuously gashed, mouing many beholders to pittie him,

him, which did not pitty himselfe.

This Dorus, was now lately become like one of Ieroboams Priests, taken as one out of the baseſt of the people, & consecrated with the Popes vnguent, a priest of the deuill, or Masse-monging Catholick. This calfe of Dan, beeing now become a Bell-wether to the scabbed flocke, it is doubted whether the sheepe infected him more with the hope of hire, to become a Micahs priest, or hee with his Ramme-like forehead, had hardned the faces of his flock vnto this extreame impudencie and impiety: but sure the prouerbe was well shared amongst them, such a priest, such people. Their mother was Atheisme, their nurse Ignorance, Darknes their dwelling, and Confusion their inheritance.

1, Reg. 13, 13
2, Chro, 11 15
Iudges, 17, 10, 11,

Let me returne to our seraphicall Doctors of Rome, which accuse all the world but themselues of impurity: and let them answere me in earnest, shall wee know the tree by the fruites? Math, 7, 16, iudge of the soundnes of the profession by the workes of the professors: Will you try vs, not by rules of Diuinitie, but examples of Diuines? Looke vpon this patterne, peruse this picture of your Parricide Papist, whose offence is taxed, not as hee is a man falling through infirmitie, but as he is a Papist, erring

ring wilfully, no passion but his profession, no hope of gaine, but blind deuotion, no reason but his vnreasonable Religion, plunged him into these execrable enormities. It is your religion that hath dubbed you man-quellers, king quellers, selfe-quellers. Are you not Parricides? alas, your maisters are not like Peter, that forsooke his Maister, & repenting did counteruaile his triple deniall, with a three-fold confession of him: but as your Legend noteth of Iudas, that had murthered his father, and cōmitted incest with his mother, and became Christes disciple for a cullour to shadowe his horrible impieties, and betraying his maister lastly hanged himselfe: such succession rightly correspondeth with your Popedome, by bloodsheds they are hatched, grow great, and strengthen themselues.

Math. 26, 34
Iohn, 21, 15,

Aur. Victor.

Phocas murthered his Maister the Emperor Mauritius, and was it not the first & surest step to the Romish Popedome? But it may be you can allow this lay Parricide to murther Princes, for establishment of a Popedome: Your holy Fathers, Popes & Bishops, haue by sundry poysonings, some lost their liues and places, & others gained them: how approue you this spirituall parricide? Christian kinges and Princes, are designed to destruction by your

your holy Popes ordinances: is it no Parricide? The Prince of Orenge, & the French-King deceassed, murthered by Papists, and he that now raigneth, assailed to be slaughtered by your vnhallowed hands: will not all men abhor these portentuous parricides? King Iohn of England, long agoe poysoned by Monks, & our late renowned Maiden Queene more often attempted with trecheries, then your Popes crowne hath haires of an honest Prelate, dooth it not proclaime to the world your damnable parricides? Let me make an end with you all, which would make an end with vs all, your late stratageme, to blow vp with gun-powder our potent King, Queene, Prince, Prelate, Nobilitie, & the whole state of Parliament, was it not an vnheard of practise of Parricide?

I heare some of your Politikes vnder their visards to confesse, that it was an horrible proiect, which no Religion can excuse, no reason defend, no authoritie maintaine: that God & heauen are against it, men and earth detest it, (the fillie (you should haue said, stilie) delinquents) themselues did lament it. Goe to then, if to murther Parents, (which are in the highest degree of naturall loue) if to murther Princes, which are in most eminent dignitie of polyticall parentage,

Answere to the Discouery: præface to the King.

rentage, if to murther a whole Common-
Cicero. wealth, your natiue Country (quæ vna omnes omnium charitates complexa est) compriseth the liues, and loues of vs all, be not an inexplicable parricide, then I must, and will confesse, I haue ouer-leaped my limits, & mistitled your professors of the Popish religion, in terming them Parricides. But a father of children, must needes be touched with a horror in his hart, to conceiue how many fathers and mothers you would haue made childlesse, & children fatherlesse by your hellish proiects: A Prince that is honoured as a father in his kingdome, and embraceth his subiects with an affectionate loue, abhorreth the remembrance of so vile an enterprise, to see a state so florishing, in a moment torne, and vtterly disfigured: All louers of God and Religion, yea euery man that tasteth any sweetnes of ciuill societie, standeth amazed, and amated at the consideration of such barbarous immanitie, ouer-turning Temples, palaces, citties, and families, without any remorse, or respect of Religion, or order: and yet all these effects, cannot be denied to be the fruites of your Romish religion. I will conclude, and hold it maintained with a world of witnesses, that though the terme be tart, yet it is true, Papists are Parricides.

But

But why (say they) is this rude phrase of Cut-throate Catholicks (so harshly sounding in vulgar eares) applyed to our pope-holy professors? Let Northumberland, aboue twentie yeres agoe murthering himselfe in ỹ Tower, Arden strangling himselfe in Newgate, and this our Cornish Catholicke, (so lately killing his father and himselfe) stand forth as fresh-bleeding examples to verifie it. Did not Percy and Catesby, which chose rather to die wilfully and desperately by the souldiers hand, then submit themselues, and liue to confesse their faults, satisfie the King and Common-wealth, and permit themselues a breathing time to repent thẽ of their hideous attempts, beare witnes against them, & conuince them to be desperate Selfe-murtherers?

I dare not charge all, nor any of their cõplices which died in prison, to be guilty of Selfe-poysoning, but the manifest desperate attempt of Nicholas Oven, most bloodily mangling, and massacring him-selfe in the Tower, and with his owne handes tearing out his fat and bowels, the second day of March last past, (this our Cornish Cut-throate seconding him within nine dayes after) cannot be denied, nor exempted frõ the imputation of barbarous immanity in our Popish

professors.

What is the whole practise of the Romish Church, wading through blood of Princes and kingdoms to establish a Popedome, continually complotting and practising massacres in the whole Christian world, but a publique proclamation to beware of Cut-throate Catholicks. Though they go in sheepes skinnes, we know them to be Wolues: howsoeuer disguised, the true prophet discerneth the dissembling of Ieroboams wife, and will prophecie the renting of their kingdome. Whatsoeuer their othes and protestations be, wee know their Æquiuocations & Dispensations; not peace but warre, not loyaltie but rebellion, not the kings honor, but the Popes aduauncement is their errand. And let the fauourers, and furtherers of your treasous vnderstand, that those which hate their naturall Prince, will not long adhere to Strangers. Such as can consent to the confusion of their natiue Country, will not be trusted for friends to any Cõmon-wealth. Such as murther their Parents, will not spare Aliants. Those that kill themselues, which is the fountaine of all loues, (for sibi nequam cui bonus erit) can neuer find any who they will deeme worthy of preseruation, if they shall crosse their cursed courses.

Math, 7, 15
1, Reg, 14, 2, 6.

Their

Their pontificall Bishop, (that beast which sitteth vpō many waters,) **and hath brewed and broached these bloody broyles in the Christian state, and glorieth in his title, to be called** Ecclesiæ Catholicæ Pontifex, a Bridge-maker, **to transport his passengers the** Catholicke **creatures into his Sea of** Rome, **ouer the Riuers and streames of blood, mixing his intoxicating potions of heresies, idolatries, and traditious, where-with the Kings of the earth, (quaffing & carousing the cuppes of his fornication) are made drunken, as the Euangelicall prophet speaketh. Els let him be** Pontifex, et terræ fax, **the** dregges of the Sea, and firebrand of the Earth, **with his filth polluting the waters, and with his fierie faggots of persecution, scorching and consuming the inhabitants of the world. No doubt it shalbe done vnto him, as hee hath done vnto others, and his measure shall be in seauen-folde manner, measured vnto him againe,** when the beast shal be cast into the Lake that burneth with fire & brimstone for euer-more. Apo. 17. 1, 2,

But for a monition to the simple seduced ones, (for ỹ Seducers seeme desperatly hardned in their pertinacie) wee pray you to looke on the present state of things, with open and equall eyes, and consider the courses & carri-

ages of the cause on both sides: and let them in plainenes confesse, whether they haue not discerned the hand of God against them and their attempts, turning theyr deepest deuises like Achitophels policies, into fooliſhneſſe, and bringing the wheele ouer their Counsellors and conspirators, so that they both perish together, like Achitophell and Absalon, Ioab and Adoniah, Corah and his complices.

2,Sam,17, 11,23, 18,9, 1,Reg,1,7, 2,25. Numb,16, 1,2,31,

Their hardened Pharao, striuing to keepe Gods people in bondage, & seruitude to his ordinances, and will not let them peaceably depart to serue their liuing God, according to his commaundement, shall no doubt in the end, receiue the condigne wages of his merit, and hardnes of hart: and our Moses and Aarons, (our elected Princes, priests & prophets) shall prosper in the deliuerances, informations, and gouernment of Gods people.

Exod,21,51

The mighty God, who by little and little cast out the Cananites, & planted Israel in theyr Land, hath his workings constant and consonant, alwaies like himselfe, ful of patience & iustice, with a slow and strong arme bringing mighty thinges to passe. The kingdom of Antichrist is in short time by degrees cut short, and abated, and the Israell of GOD, hath as mighti-

2,Sam,7,10. Exod,1,7,8,

mightily prospered, out of a few families enlarging his borders into many kingdomes, and what remaineth, but that he which letteth be taken out of the way, and that the man of sinne beeing reuealed, may be also remoued & rooted out, as a plant which is not of our heauenly fathers planting. 2, Thes. 2, 6, 7. Math, 15, 13

We cõfesse the Church of Rome receiued, and for many yeeres retained the sinceritie of the Gospell and true religion: and so there was a good Pharao in Egypt, which by holy Iosephs direction ordered his kingdome, & gaue vnto the people of God a fruitful possession in the Land of Goshen, where they prospered, and multiplied exceedingly; but there arose in processe of time another Pharao, which knewe not Ioseph, and became a tyrant vnto the people of God, and cruelly oppressed them. So Rome is become Babylon, her Candlesticke is remoued, shee is fallen from her first faith, and the faithfull Cittie is become an Harlot, and her Antiquitie without Veritie, is but oldnes of Errors, and wee must depart frõ her, which is departed from GOD. Gene, 45, 10 Gene, 47, 6 Exod, 1, 8, Apoc, 18, 2, 3, 4, Cap, 2, 4, 5,

If shee will returne vnto her spouse, & forsake her Louers with whom shee committed all her fornications and abhominations, we will

will reioyce with her for such an holy reconciliation: else we will cry vnto the people of God to come out of her, & not to pertake with her sinnes, and idolatries, least they pertake of her grieuous plagues and punishments, when the cup of the Lords wrath shall be powred vpon her.

God of his vnspeakable goodnesse, make that your sinnes be not an hinderance vnto his rich mercies, but that he will speedily, for the Elects sake, cut short the power of Antichrist, and amplifie the borders of his kingdome, that our eyes may see it, and our posteritie may reioyce in his great saluation, and prayse him for all our corporall, and spirituall deliuerances. So be it. Amen.

FINIS.